

Year 2009 Inventory Unit Number/Name: 13-30, North Pass and McConnell Rocks

**FORM 1**

**DOCUMENTATION OF BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY FINDINGS ON RECORD:**

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?**

No (Go to Form 2) Yes X (if more than one unit is within the area, list the names/numbers of those units.):

**a) Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980**

**b) Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): 13-30, North Pass and McConnell Rocks**

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): Navigation Chart 18421**

**d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Spokane, Wenatchee, San Juan Islands Field Station**

**2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:**

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory unit is associated with the area, list each unit and answer each question individually for each inventory unit):

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics<sup>1</sup>:

Inventory Source: Wilderness Inventory Oregon and Washington 1980

Unit#/Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
13-30, North Pass and McConnell Rocks	Approximately 2 1/2 acres	Y	N	N	Y

**FORM 2**

Use additional pages as necessary

**DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT WILDERNESS INVENTORY  
CONDITIONS**

a. Unit Number/Name: 13-30, North Pass and McConnell Rocks

(1) Is the unit of sufficient size?

Yes  No  Island Rock Rocks

[State the BLM acreage of the unit. Describe the boundaries of the unit (roads, property lines, etc.) If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory unit is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each unit/subunit separately. Complete the analysis for (1), (2), (3),(4) and (5) for each unit or sub-unit. If you check "No" above, check "N/A" (Not Applicable) in the remaining boxes below, and you need not provide additional evaluation for the unit or subunit. Use additional space as necessary.]

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:** (Include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation features and summary of major human uses/activities).

Ownership: BLM ownership

Location: McConnell Rocks: N48 35' 56.66", W123 58' 32.20" North Pass  
Rock: N48 36' 26.28", W123 1' 0.11"

Topography: North Pass Rock is less than 1 acre, flat, and located on the northern most end, section of Reef Island. McConnell Rocks (island) is approximately 2 acres, flat and roughly 12' feet above sea level. Access to McConnell Rocks (island) is limited to a long sandy and graveled beach located on the east side and accessible during all tides. McConnell Rocks is located approximately 350' feet from main McConnell Island to the east.

Vegetation Features: North Pass supports diverse variety of seaweeds. McConnell Rocks support a diverse variety of grasses, lichens, mosses, and trees; Douglas Firs, Pacifica Maritime Junipers and small shrubs.

Major human uses/ activities: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized occurs in the area. Wildlife viewing is excellent in this area for seabirds, marine mammals and other species. Photography is excellent in this area. Sea Kayaking is also excellent in this area. Day-use and picnicking are excellent in this area of McConnell Rocks.

Other items: The Washington State, San Juan Marine Park formerly had a R&PP Lease for McConnell Rocks. However the Washington State Park Commission does not

desire to renew the long expired Lease. Nearby is a Protected Nature Conservancy Island, Yellow Island. There is several USFW, San Juan Marine Wildlife Refuge Area Wildernesses nearby within 1 mile.

(2) Is the unit in a natural condition?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: McConnell Rocks and North Pass Rocks appear natural and are in a natural condition.

(3) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes  (McConnell Rocks) No  (North Pass Rocks) N/A

Description: Outstanding opportunities for solitude can be found on McConnell Rocks. Development of the nearby shoreline, approximately 250' feet in the distance, does not dominate the overall landscape. North Pass Rocks do not provide opportunities for solitude due to higher tides which cover the rocks.

(4) Does the unit (or the remainder of the unit if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes  (McConnell Rocks) No  (North Pass Rocks) N/A

Description: Recreational boating both motorized and non-motorized occurs in the area. Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation can be found on McConnell Rocks regarding, sea kayaking, day-use, picnicking, photography, wildlife viewing and possible camping. Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation cannot be found on North Pass Rocks. North Pass Rocks are submerged during higher tides.

(5) Does the unit have supplemental values?

Yes  No  N/A

Description: Supplemental values for North Pass and McConnell Rocks include a dynamic marine ecological system. The geology of the Rocks is part of a unique formation regarding Washington State. Other identified values for the island are scientific, wildlife, botanical, scenic and cultural. There is a identified WADFW Marine mammal haul out site nearby, site#455 and 440.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusion**

Unit Name and Number: 13-30, North Pass and McConnell Rocks

Summary

Results of Analysis:

- 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? Yes X No
- 2. Does the area appear to be natural? Yes X No
- 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes X No NA
- 4. Does the area have supplemental values? Yes X No NA

Conclusion

Check One:

- X The area—or a portion of the area—has wilderness character.  
\*McConnell Rocks
- X The area does not have wilderness character.  
\*North Pass Rocks

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(Names, Titles, Date)

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**Field Manager**

**Date**

*This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-2.*

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IN BLM OREGON/WASHINGTON**

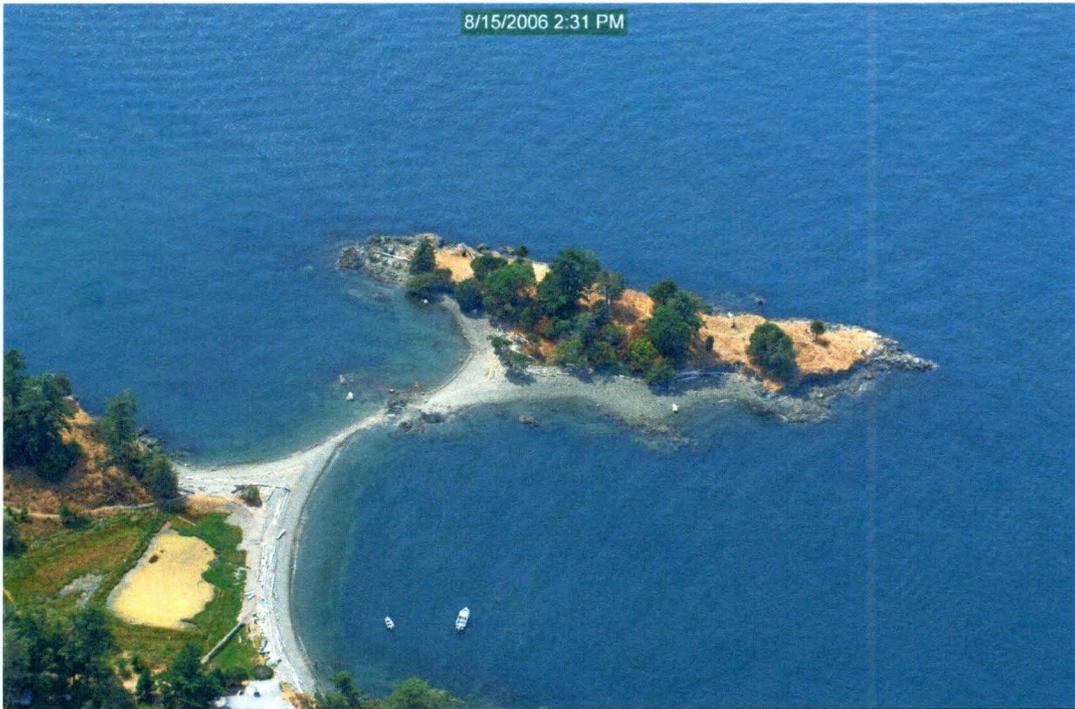
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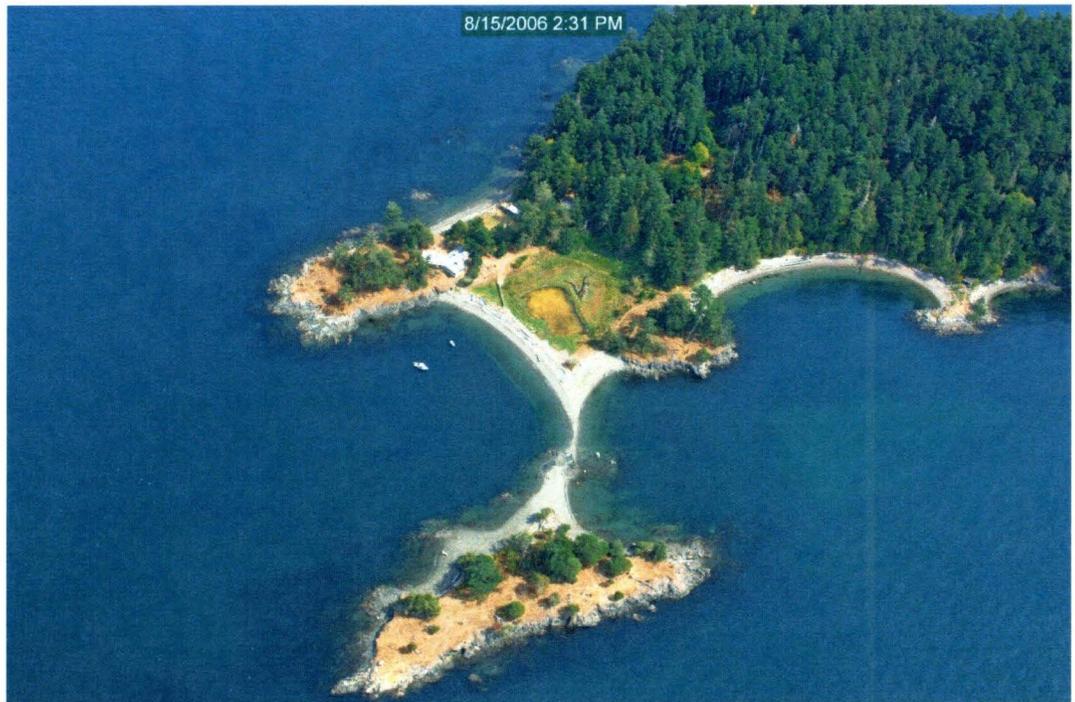
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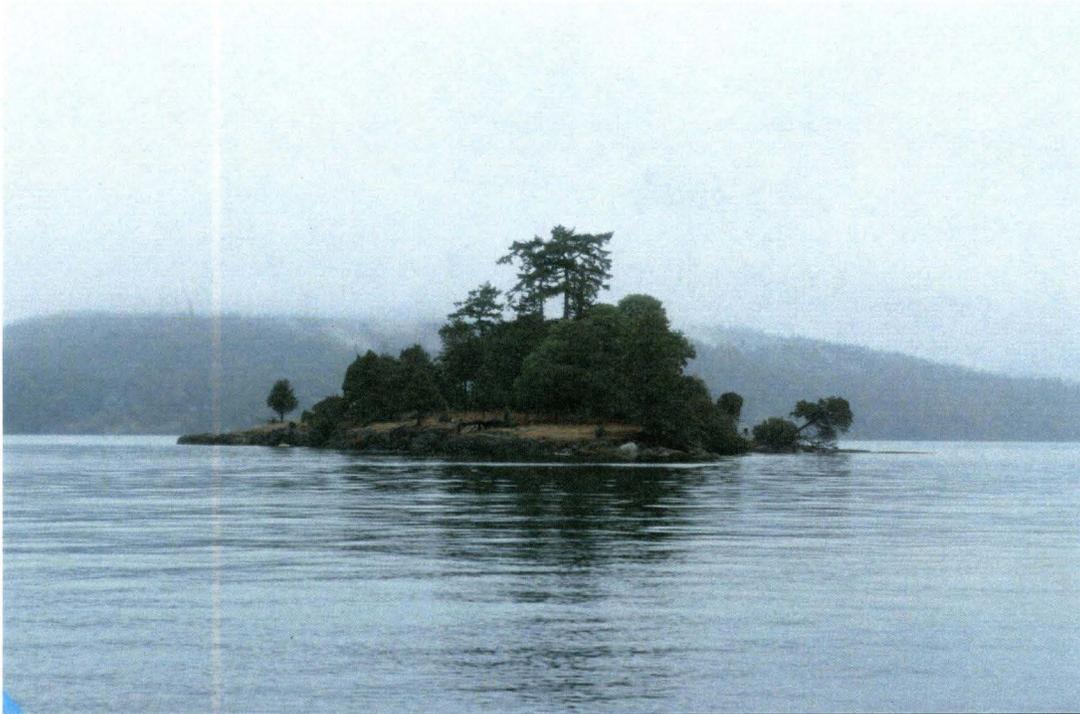
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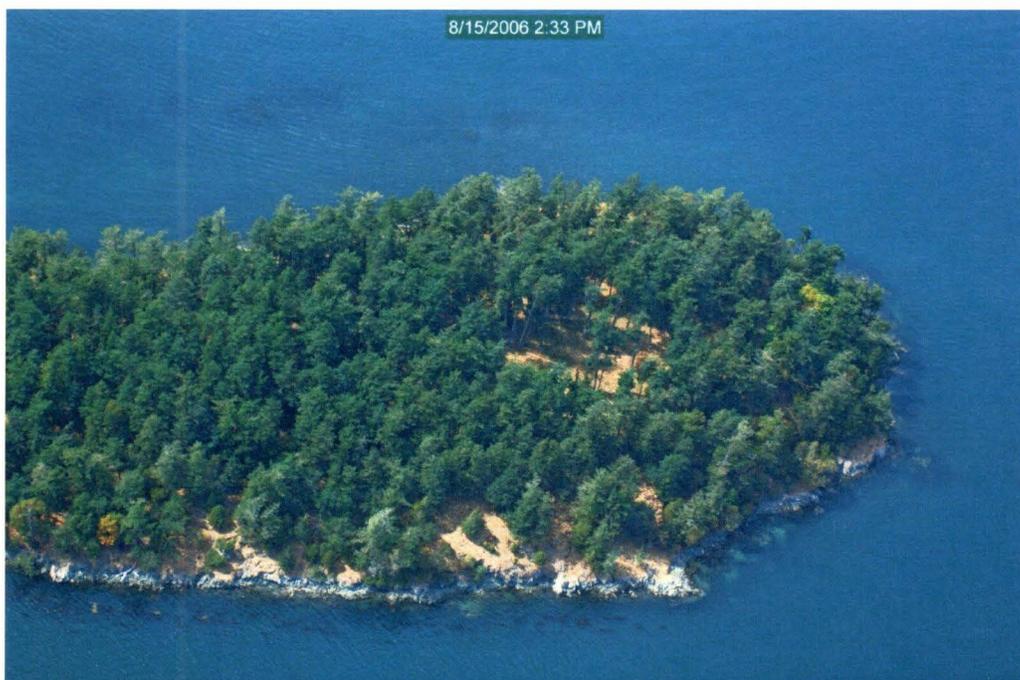
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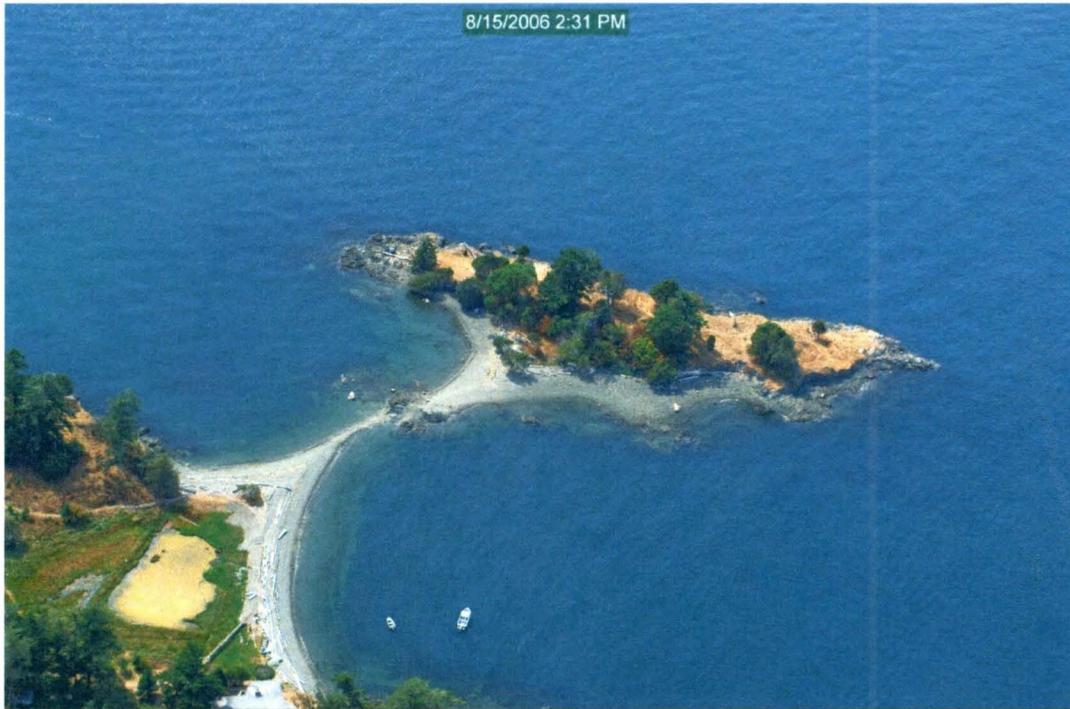
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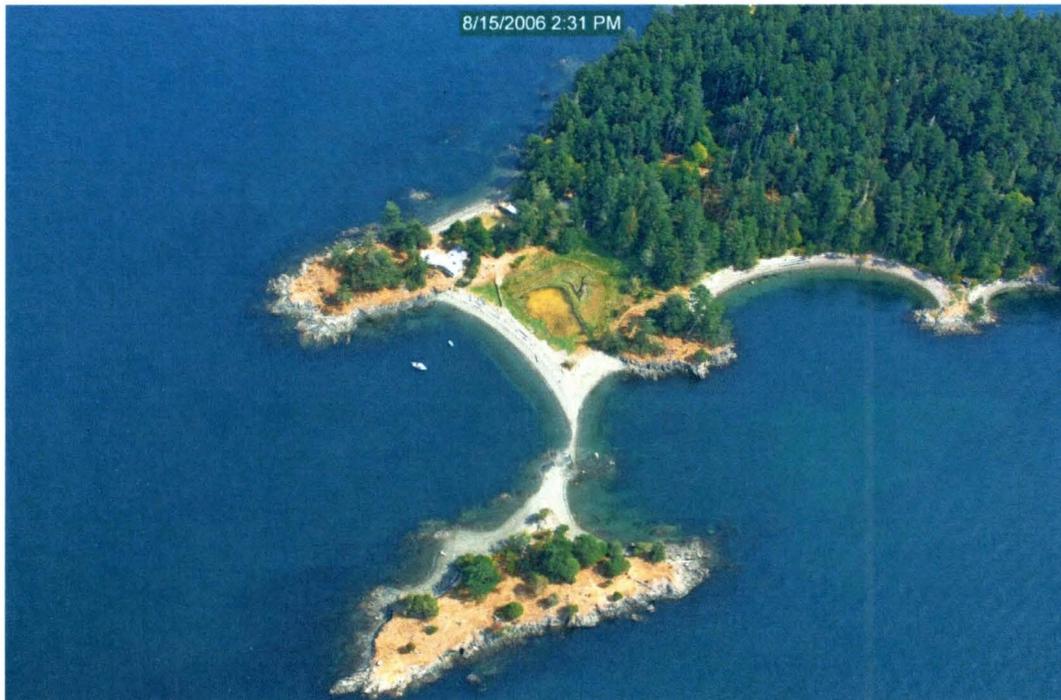
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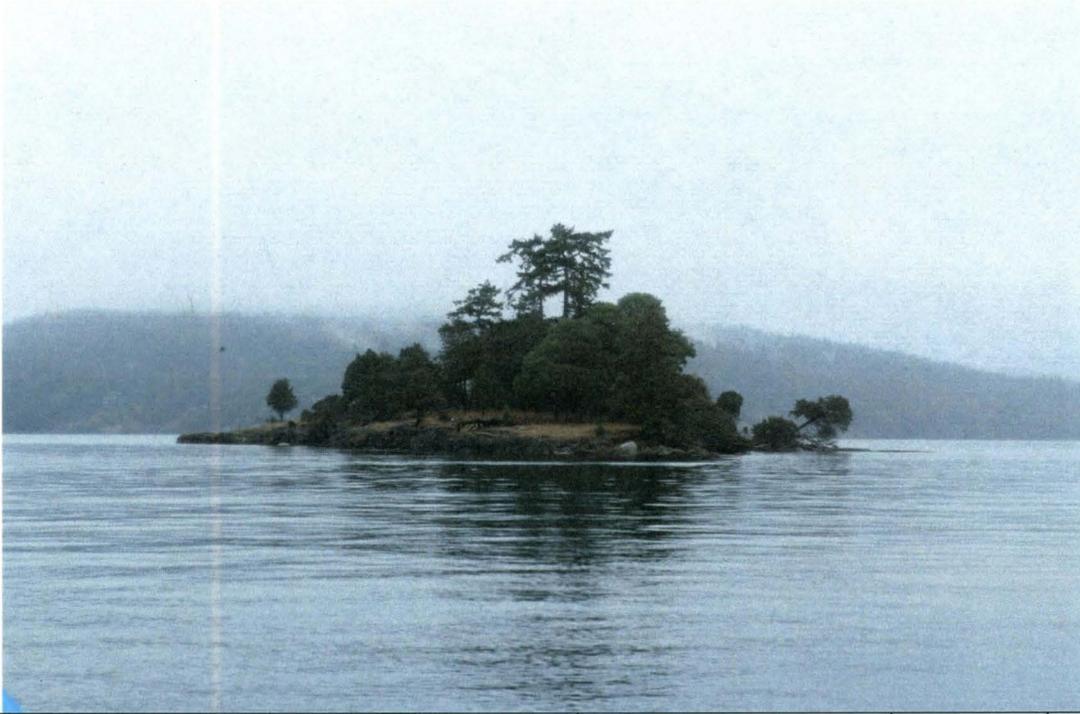
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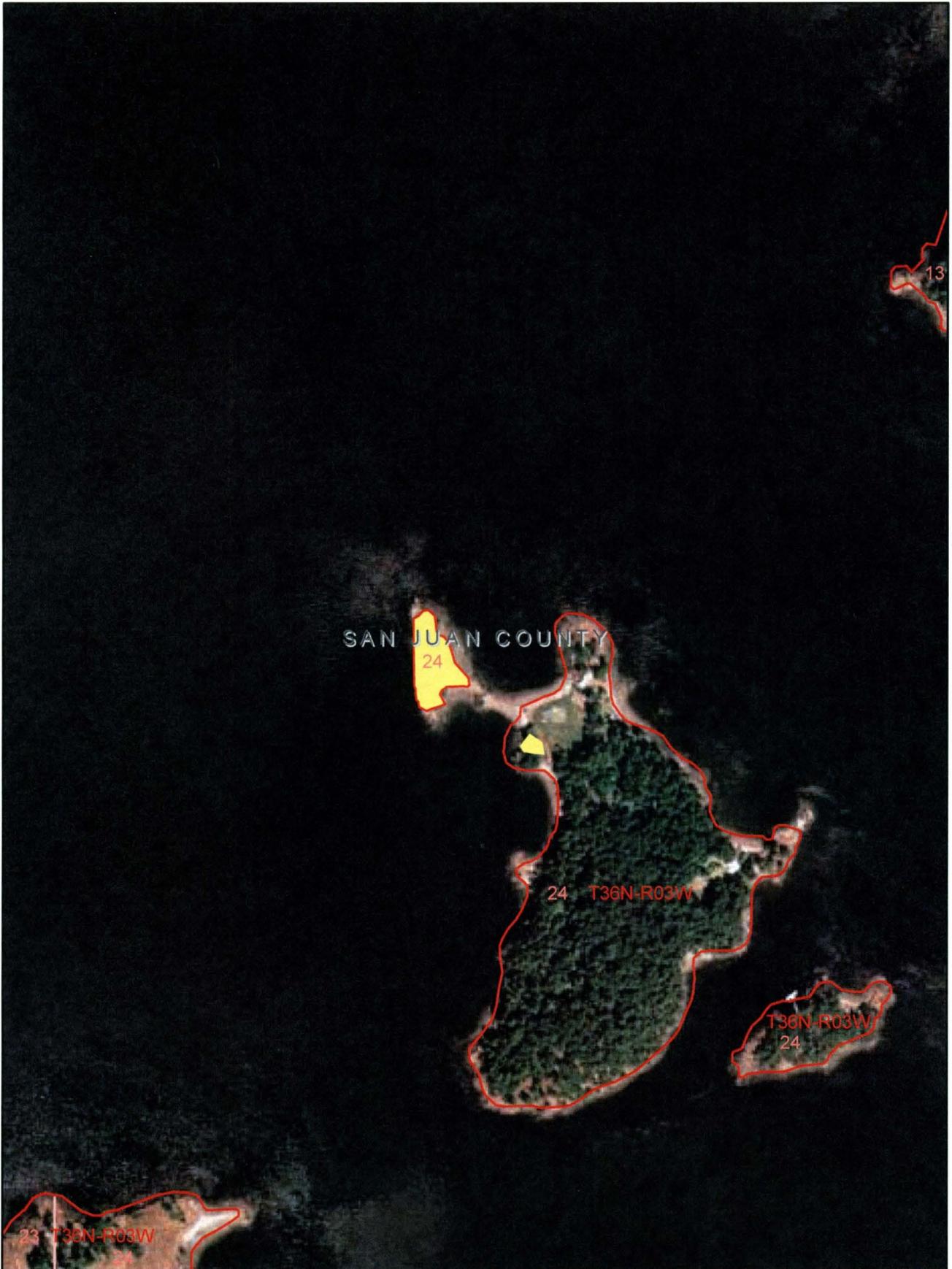
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